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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **OVEREXPRESSION OF ABI5 IN PLANTS TO PREVENT PRECOCIOUS SEED GERMINATION AND TO CONFER RESISTANCE TO DROUGHT AND HIGH SALT**, the specification of which was filed on March 21, 2001 as United States Application Number 09/813,352.

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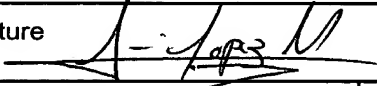
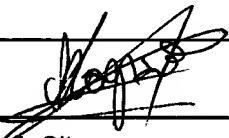
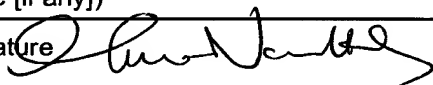
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